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INFO AMEMBASSY BRIDGETOWN

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN BB BF

SUBJ: CIVAIR: POSSIBLE BACKGROUND ON PRESENT GOB STANCE

REF: BRIDGETOWN 1179

Q. IN ATTEMPT TO RESPOND TO PARAGRAPH 6 REFTEL, EMBASSY INFORMALLY CONTACTED BAHAMIAN CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL WHO SAID HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT BACKGROUND. HE SAID IF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTERS BARROW AND PINDLING WERE TAKING PLACE, THEY WERE WITHOUT REFERENCE TO BAHAMASAIR. HE NOTED THAT BARROW AND PINDLING WERE GOOD FRIENDS, AND THAT BARROW MIGHT HAVE DISCUSSED GENERAL AVIATION PROBLEMS WITH PINDLING ON PERSONAL BASIS. OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT REPORTS OF POSSIBLE DEAL INVOLVING BAHAMASAIR MIGHT BE SMOKE-SCREEN THROWN UP BY GOB TO OBTAIN LEVERAGE IN BILATERAL CIVAIR FINAGLING BETWEEN BARBADOS AND U.S.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF RUMORED DEAL INVOLVING BAHAMAS OR FURTHER BACKGROUND FROM ANY SOURCE HERE. AS EMBASSY LOOKS AT ELEMENTS OF DEAL OUTLINED REFTEL, IT APPEARS THAT TRADE-OFF ALONG THOSE LINES WOULD DO A GREAT DEAL FOR BARROW BUT ALMOST NOTHING FOR PINDLING.

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EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO PRIME

MINISTERS WOULD OVERRIDE PINDLING'S EYE FOR DEMONSTRABLE POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL BENEFITS. EMBASSY AGREES WITH REFTEL ESTIMATE OF COMPLEXITY OF OWNERSHIP QUESTION IF DEAL IS ROPOSED. ANY FURTHER BACKGROUND INFORMATION WILL BE REPORTED PROMPTLY. SPIERS

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